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AT ITS

ANNUAL SESSIONS

AT

SUMTER, S. C.,

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MINUTES.

SUMTERVILLE CHURCH, Wednesday, Nov. 17th, 1880,

7:30 o'clock, p. m.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. N. W. Edmonds, from Matthew 28:18: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." After prayer the roll was called. The following members were

Present.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. H. Saye,	G. H. Neely.	Fishing Creek.
D. Harrison,	S. B. McCully.	Bethel.
J. Lowrie Wilson,	P. Garrison.	Ebenezer.
R. E. Cooper, (2)*	D. D. Moore. (2)	Rock Hill.
Jas. S. White.	W. B. Thompson. (2)	Catholic.
L. R. McCormick,	S. D. Simril.	Allison Creek.
G. A. Trenholm, (2)	J. L. Harris. (2)	Purity.
F. L. Leeper. (2)	A. R. Banks.	Fort Mill.
J. C. McMullen.	James Blaine.	Concord.
W. W. Mills. (2)	R. L. Miller. (2)	Pleasant Grove.
H. B. Pratt.	A. S. Douglass.	Scion.
S. L. Wilson. (3)	R. R. Roseborough.	Aimwell.
R. F. Taylor. (2)	E. B. Mobley.	Waxhaw.
T. R. English. (2)	W. J. Bowen. (2)	Beth Shiloh.
	Thos. L. Johnson. (2)	Mt. Olivet.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
George Howe. (2)		
J. L. Girardeau.		
J. D. A. Brown.		
I. R. Dow.	W. G. Vardell.	Summerville.
W. F. Junkin. (2)	J. A. Enslow. (3)	Zion, (Glebe Street.)
J. E. Fogartie. (3)	J. J. Murrav. (3)	Edisto Island.
J. B. Mack.	F. W. McMaster.	Columbia, 1st.
T. P. Hay.		
J. L. Stevens.		
F. Jacobs.		
R. A. Mickle. (4)		

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
Thos. H. Law.	John H. Evins. (2)	Spartanburg.
A. P. Nicholson. (2)	W. A. Harrison. (2)	Nazareth.
R. H. Nall. (2)	T. H. McCann. (2)	Washington Street.
J. Y. Fair. (2)	Wm. Anderson. (2)	Laurens C. H.
H. C. Fennel. (2)	Wm. Leaman. [2]	Liberty Springs.

*The numbers indicate the day of enrollment.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. Leighton Wilson, [2]	J. A. Salter,	Union.
J. A. Cousar,	L. L. McLaurin,	Red Bluff.
Jas. McDowell,	J. S. McFadden,	Manning.
H. M. Brearley,	Eli Manning,	Reedy Creek.
W. A. Gregg, [2]	J. A. Cairnes, [2]	Bishopville.
J. E. Dunlop, [2]	A. J. Chandler,	Concord.
E. H. Buist,	A. M. Kennedy,	Camden.
N. W. Edmunds,	L. P. Loring,	Sumterville.
Robt. Bradley,	S. P. Oliver,	Brewington.
C. E. Chichester,	Wm. McKeuzie,	Florence.
J. S. Cozby,	A. F. Wilson, [2]	Mt. Zion.
W. J. McKay,	W. E. Mills, [2]	Salem.
D. S. McAllister,	J. B. Jennings,	Bennettsville.
A. M. Hassell, [2]	H. Frierson, [2]	Lynchburg.
W. C. Smith,	J. B. Montgomery,	Elon.
H. G. Gilland,	Jas. McCatehen,	Indiantown.
John G. Law,	J. J. James,	Darlington.
E. G. Smith,	Eli McFadden, [3]	Midway.
Roderick Henderson, 2	J. W. Harrington, [2]	Centre Point.
W. T. Thomson, [4]	J. E. Shaor, [2]	Turkey Creek.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. R. Riley, [4]		
J. L. Martin.	W. A. Templeton, [2]	Abbeville.
D. E. Frierson, [2]	W. D. Evins, [2]	Anderson.
R. A. Fair, [2]		
T. C. Ligon, [2]		
S. L. Morris.		
E. P. Davis.		

Absent.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—S. L. Watson, L. W. Curtis, Jas. Douglass, J. H. Douglas, W. W. Ratchford, J. W. Queery, J. G. Hall, J. W. Spratt, J. L. Williamson, W. G. White.

Churches not Represented.—Beersheba, Bethesda, Bullock's Creek, Carmel Hill, Cedar Shoal, Douglass, Harmony, Hopewell, Horeb, Lancasterville, Lebanon, Mispah, Olivet, Shiloh, Six Mile Creek, Tirzah, Yorkville, Salem, Zion, Ramah.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—Edward Palmer, T. H. Legare, C. S. Vedder,* G. R. Brackett, J. B. Dunwody, S. H. Hay.

Churches not Represented.—Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Beech Island, Central [Charleston,] Second [Charleston,] Ebenezer, Harmony, James Island, John's Island and Wadmalaw, Mt. Pleasant, New Wappetaw, Orangeburg, Stoney Creek, Walterboro', Wilton.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—C. B. Stewart, Z. L. Holmes, R. H. Reid, A. A. James, J. S. Bailey, W. P. Jacobs, A. L. Miller, B. G. Clifford, H. T. Morton.

Churches not Represented.—Antioch, Bethany, Cane Creek, Clinton, Duncan's Creek, Enoree, Fair Forest, Fairview, Friendship, Grindal Shoals, Limestone, Lisbon, Little River, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Tabor, [G.,] Mt. Tabor, [U.,] Mt. Vernon, New Harmony, North Pacolet, Rocky Spring, Old Fields, Salem, Shady Grove, Unionville, Woodruff's, Piedmont.

*Excused.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—Wm. Brearley, W. M. Reid, J. G. Richards,* D. McDuffie, J. L. Bartlett, H. C. DuBose, R. D. Perry.*

Churches not Represented.—Beaver Creek, Bethel, Beulah, Carolina, Cheraw, Fair Hope, Great Pee Dee, Hephzibah, Hopewell, Kentyre, Kingston, Liberty Hill, Little Pee Dee, Marion, Pine Tree, Pisgah, Tirzah, Williamsburg, New Harmony.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—W. Carlile, J. B. Adger,* Wm. McWhorter, J. F. Gibert, John McLees, E. F. Hyde, J. O. Lindsay, W. F. Pearson, H. McLees, H. Stong,* R. C. Ligon, T. E. Davis, A. E. Norris, J. L. Brownlee.

Churches not Represented.—Aveleigh, Belton, Bethel, Bethira, Carmel, Central, Cokesbury, Edgefield, George's Creek, Gilder's Creek, Good Hope, Greenville, Honea Path, Hopewell, Hopewell, [P.,] Lebanon, Little Mountain, Midway, Mt. Bethel, Mt. Zion, Nazareth, Ninety Six, New Pickens, Pickens, [old,] Providence, Retreat, Roberts, Rock, Rocky River, Smyrna, Seneca City, Upper Long Cane, Varennes, Walhalla, Williamston, Willington, Ebenezer.

The Rev. J. L. Martin was elected Moderator, and the Rev. E. G. Smith, Assistant Clerk.

The Rev. A. D. Hepburn, D. D., and B. W. Mebane, of the Synod of North Carolina, and Roderick Henderson, Synod of Georgia, were invited and welcomed to sit as corresponding members; and the Rev. A. J. Stokes of the M. E. Church, South, as a visiting member.

On motion of Rev. N. W. Edmunds, it was

Resolved, That the daily sessions of the Synod for the present be from 9:30, a. m. to 2, p. m., and that the last half hour be spent in devotional exercises.

On motion of Rev. T. H. Law, it was made the special order for 11, a. m. to-morrow, to hold a Conference upon the Work of the Presbyteries.

Synod then adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. H. Saye.

THURSDAY, November 18th, 1880, 9:30, a. m.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Moderator, and the Minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The following additional members reported, were excused for tardiness and enrolled:

FROM BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—G. A. Trenholm, W. W. Mills, R. F. Taylor, R. E. Cooper.

Elders—W. J. Bowen, Beth Shiloh Church; W. B. Thompson, Catholic; Thomas L. Johnson, Mt. Olivet; J. L. Harris, Purity; D. D. Moore, Rock Hill, and R. L. Miller, Pleasant Grove.

FROM CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—George Howe and W. F. Junkin.

FROM ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—A. P. Nicholson, R. H. Nall, J. Y. Fair and H. C. Fennel.

Elders—Wm. Anderson, Laurens C. H.; Wm. Leaman, Liberty Springs; W. A. Harrison, Nazareth; John H. Evins, Spartanburg, and T. H. McCann, Washington Street.

FROM HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. Leighton Wilson, J. E. Dunlop, A. M. Hassell, and W. A. Gregg.

Elders—J. A. Cairnes, Bishopville; Wm. McKenzie, Florence; H. Frierson, Lynchburg; J. S. McFadden, Manning; A. F. Wilson, Mt. Zion; W. E. Mills, Salem; J. W. Harrington, Centre Point, and J. Greer White, New Harmony.

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—D. E. Frierson, R. A. Fair and T. C. Ligon.

Elders—W. A. Templeton, Abbeville, and W. D. Evins, Anderson.

The Moderator announced the following

Standing Committees:

Devotional Exercises—Rev. N. W. Edmunds and Elder L. P. Loring.

Judicial—Rev. F. Jacobs, J. S. Cozby, and W. F. Junkin, and Elders J. H. Evins and Jas. McCutchen.

Bills and Overtures—Rev. N. W. Edmunds, J. H. Saye and W. F. Junkin, and Elder W. G. Vardell.

Narrative—Rev. E. P. Davis and L. R. McCormick, and Elder A. M. Kennedy.

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. B. Mack, E. H. Buist and J. C. McMullen, and Elder J. J. James.

Theological Seminary—Rev. S. L. Morris, J. L. Girardeau and T. H. Law, and Elders A. R. Banks and J. B. Jennings.

Finance—Elders A. S. Douglass and W. D. Evins.

Minutes of Assembly—Rev. R. H. Nall, J. S. White and J. D. A. Brown, and Elder W. A. Templeton.

Leave of Absence—Rev. J. G. Law and A. P. Nicholson, and Elder R. R. Roseborough.

Presbyterial Records—

Bethel—Rev. W. C. Smith and Elder W. A. Harrison.

Charleston—Rev. H. B. Bratt and Elder J. B. Montgomery.

Enoree—Rev. J. E. Dunlop and Elder S. P. Oliver.

Harmony—Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson and Elder T. H. McCann.

South Carolina—Rev. Jas. McDowell and Elder G. H. Neely.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. Adger, giving excuse for absence from this meeting, which was referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence; from Rev. H. C. DuBose, Missionary at Soochow, China, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions; from Rev. E. M. Richardson, Secretary of Education, which was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev. D. E. Frierson, J. Y. Fair and R. E. Cooper, and Elders Wm. McKenzie and Wm. Leaman; and also from Rev. J. E. White, an appeal or complaint against Bethel Presbytery, which was read and referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Presbyteries of Bethel, Charleston and South Carolina presented their Narratives and Statistical Reports. The former were referred to the Committee on the Narrative; the following are the

Statistical Reports:

BETHEL PRESBYTERY reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it is composed of 25 Ministers and 35 Churches, and has under its care two Licentiates and two Candidates for the Ministry. It has received Rev. R. F. Taylor from Atlanta Presbytery, and Rev. W. G. White from Louisville Presbytery. It has dismissed Rev. D. P. Robinson to Mecklenburg Presbytery, and has desolved the pastoral relation between Rev. E. Brantley and Zion Church, and dismissed him to Nashville Presbytery. It has also dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. S. White and Catholic and Pleasant Grove Churches. It has ordained Licentiate S. L. Wilson, and installed him pastor of Aimwell and Horeb Churches; and has licensed Candidates W. T. Matthews and J. W. McClure as probationers for the Gospel Ministry. During the present sessions of Synod Rev. T. R. English has also been received from the Presbytery of Macon.

D. HARRISON, Stated Clerk.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it comprises 17 Ministers and 20 Churches, and has under its care two Candidates for the Sacred Ministry. Since the last meeting of Synod it has dismissed the Rev. John H. Bryson to the Presbytery of Nashville; has ordained Licentiate Joseph L. Stevens and installed him pastor of the John's Island and Wadmalaw Churches; has licensed Mr. Josiah McL. Seabrook as a probationer for the Gospel Ministry and transferred him to the care of Lexington Presbytery; and has received under its care Messrs. Horace B. Zernow and S. J. Woodbridge, as Candidates for the Holy Ministry. It has also received from Enoree Presbytery, Rev. Ferdinand Jacobs, D. D., who is now pastor-elect of James Island Church; and from Harmony Presbytery, Rev. Samuel H. Hay, who is also pastor-elect of New Wappetaw Church. It has lost by death Rev. Thomas Hood Cunningham, and Rev. William Hooper Adams. The names of Mr. Joshua C. R. Brown and Mr. Marion Newman have been dropped from the roll of Candidates, they having ceased their studies for the Ministry; the first on account of feeble health, and the second because of the failure of his voice. The new Church edifice at Walterboro' was dedicated to the service of the "Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel," in June last. We have one Evangelist laboring in our bounds, and almost all our churches now have the stated means of grace. During the present meeting of Synod the Presbytery has received Rev. R. A. Mickle from the Presbytery of Savannah.

JOHN R. DOW, Stated Clerk.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 14 Ministers and 31 Churches, and has under its care two Licentiates and two Candidates. Since the last meeting of Synod it has dismissed Rev. F. Jacobs, D. D. to Charleston Presbytery; and has ordained Licentiate H. C. Fennel and installed him pastor of Liberty Springs Church. It has organized a new Church in Greenville County, to be called *Piedmont*, and has changed the name of Warrior's Creek Church to *Old Fields*. It has dismissed Candidate R. E. Campbell to the care of the Presbytery of Louisville, and it has licensed Candidate C. L. Stewart, and appointed commissions to ordain and install him pastor of New Harmony and Piedmont Churches. It has restored to its roll the name of Rev. H. T. Morton, reported last year as dismissed to South Carolina Presbytery.

WM. P. JACOBS, Stated Clerk.

[This report was received by the Clerk after the meeting and inserted here.]

HARMONY PRESBYTERY reports to Synod that it is composed of 27 Ministers and 39 Churches, and has under its care two Licentiates and five Candidates. Of the 27 Ministers, 18 are active pastors, five are stated supplies, three are infirm, one is Secretary of Home and Foreign Missions, and one is a Missionary to China. Of the 39 organized churches, 26 have pastors, and all the others are supplied except one. Candidate S. E. Bishop has been licensed to preach. Licentiate E. G. Smith has been ordained and installed pastor of Hopewell Church. Rev. N. W. Edmunds has been installed pastor of Sumterville Church, and Rev. S. H. Hay has been dismissed to Charleston Presbytery. Rev. Donald McQueen, D. D., and Rev. William S. Plumer, D. D., LL. D., have departed this life. Presbytery has further received during the present meeting of Synod, Rev. Roderick Henderson from the Presbytery of Florida, and Rev. W. T. Thompson, from the Presbytery of Nashville. W. A. GREGG, Stated Clerk.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY reports to Synod that it is composed of 21 Ministers and 40 Churches, and has under its care three Licentiates and three Candidates for the Ministry. During the past year it has lost no minister by death or removal, and received none by certificate. It has transferred Licentiate J. A. McLees to the care of the Presbytery of Red River, and Licentiate D. E. Frierson, to the care of the Presbytery of Abingdon. It has ordained Licentiate A. E. Norris as an Evangelist, and assigned him to the Edgefield Mission; and Licentiate J. L. Brownlee, and installed him pastor of Honea Path Church, and appointed Committees to install him pastor also of Midway and Williamston Churches. It has received under its care as a Candidate for the Ministry, Mr. Henry D. Lindsay, and has licensed Candidates D. E. Frierson, Jr., J. L. McLin and W. G. Nevill to preach the Gospel. S. L. MORRIS, Stated Clerk.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, Special Committees were appointed to bring in suitable minutes with regard to the deceased members of Synod as mentioned in the above reports. The following were appointed :

Rev. Donald McQueen—Rev. N. W. Edmunds and J. L. Wilson, and Elder W. E. Mills.

Rev. Thomas H. Cunningham—Rev. J. L. Girardeau and S. L. Morris.

Rev. Wm. H. Adams—Rev. C. E. Chichester and Elder F. W. McMaster.

Rev. Wm. S. Plumer—Rev. George Howe, J. S. Cozby and W. J. McKay, and Elder Jas. McCutchen.

On motion of Rev. T. H. Law, the hearing of the report of the Special Committee on the *Nature and Functions of the Diaconate*, was made the order for 11, a. m., to-morrow.

The Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., Secretary of Publication and a member of the Synod of Alabama, was invited to sit, and was welcomed by the Moderator, as a corresponding member.

It was also made the second order for to-day to hear Dr. Hazen in the interests of Publication, and the third order of the day, to consider the interests of the Columbia Theological Seminary.

The order for 11 o'clock was taken up, and Synod held a free Conference upon the Work of the Presbyteries, in which statements were heard at length from members of the several Presbyteries, and a general discussion ensued.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Girardeau, it was

Resolved, That it be a standing order of Synod to hold a Conference upon the State of Religion in its bounds and the Work of the Presbyteries, at 11, a.m., the second day of each regular meeting.

On motion, it was resolved that Synod hold a session at 7 o'clock this evening, when the second and third orders of the day shall be taken up.

It was further resolved that the first half hour of the evening session be spent in devotional exercises, in place of the last half hour of this morning's session.

On motion it was made the first order for to-morrow evening to hold a Synodical Conference upon the subject of Foreign Missions; and the second order to hear the reports of the several Committees upon deceased ministers.

Rev. A. J. Stokes, pastor of the Methodist Church, offered the use of his church building to the Synod for any purpose for which it might be desired. The kind offer was accepted with thanks.

Synod then took recess till 7 o'clock this evening.

Upon re-assembling, a half hour was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Jacobs.

The Stated Clerk of Bethel Presbytery reported that Rev. T. R. English had to-day been received into that Presbytery. and a similar report was made as to the reception of Rev. Roderick Henderson into Harmony Presbytery. These brethren were accordingly enrolled as members of Synod.

The first order of the evening was called, and the Rev. Dr. Hazen, Secretary, was heard at length in the interest of Publication and Sabbath Schools. On motion of Rev J. H. Saye, it was resolved that a Special Committee be appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the matter of Dr. Hazen's address.

Rev. F. L. Leeper, and Elder Jas. E. Shaw of Turkey Creek Church in Harmony Presbytery, gave satisfactory excuses for tardiness and were enrolled.

The Moderator announced the following as the Committee on Dr. Hazen's address: Rev. F. L. Leeper and C. E. Chichester, and Elder James Blaine.

The next special order was then taken up and a conference was held in regard to the Theological Seminary. On motion, the Rev. Dr. Mack was requested to open the Conference, which he did, making many interesting and encouraging statements in reference to the efforts which are being made to endow the "Howe Memorial Chair of Biblical Literature," in commemoration of the Rev. Dr. Howe's *fifty years'* services in the Institution. The Rev. Dr. Girardeau also, at the request of Synod, spoke briefly upon the same subject.

The Moderator stated that certain documents had come into his hands, bearing upon the appeal or complaint of Rev. J. E. White, which, on motion, were referred to the Judicial Committee.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Junkin, it was

Resolved, That the order for 11, a.m., to-morrow be postponed till 12 o'clock, and that preaching be appointed for 11 o'clock, the usual devotional exercises to be dispensed with.

Rev. N. W. Edmunds, of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, announced that the Rev. H. B. Bratt will preach at 11, a.m., to-morrow.

On motion, Synod then adjourned till to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. J. D. A. Brown.

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FRIDAY, November 19th, 1880, 9, a. m.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Wilson, and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following additional members reported, were excused for tardiness and enrolled:

Ministers, J. E. Fogartie and S. L. Wilson; and Elders J. A. Enslow, of Zion Church, and J. J. Murray, of Edisto Island Church, both of Charleston Presbytery.

Rev. R. A. Mickle, of the Synod of Georgia, being present, was introduced and invited to a seat as a corresponding member, and the Rev. J. P. Lestrade, of the Northern Presbyterian Church, was also welcomed to a seat as a visiting member.

The Stated Clerk presented the following

Report of the Treasurer for the Year 1880.

Thomas H. Law, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of South Carolina.

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To Assessment of Bethel Presbytery, paid,	\$40 00	
To Amount received for Advertisements in Minutes,	34 50	
To Assessment of Enoree Presbytery, paid,	30 00	
" " " Harmony Presbytery, paid,	40 00	
" " " South Carolina Presbytery, paid,	35 00	
" Balance due Treasurer,	37 50	\$217 00

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By Balance due Treasurer last year,	95	
" Expense of Printing and Distributing 1500 Copies Minutes,	78 75	
By Balance paid Rev. Dr. Mack on expenses to Assembly, 1879,	25 00	
By Amount paid Rev. Dr. Adger for expenses to Assembly, 1880,	12 30	
By Stated Clerk's Salary,	100 00	\$217 00

Besides the balance due the Treasurer, as appears above, the sum of \$11.65 is also due the Rev. Dr. Mack on expenses in attending the last General Assembly. But it will be observed that Charleston Presbytery has not paid its assessment of \$30.00 for the present year. The Stated Clerk did not make the additional assessment authorized by Synod, to meet the expenses of its representatives before the last Assembly, preferring to carry over to the next year the small balance which would have been due had the assessments of all the Presbyteries been paid.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer.

The report was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Stated Clerk presented the printed report of the Presbyterian Historical Society for the year ending May 6th, 1880, which was received as information.

On motion, it was made the order for 11, a. m. tomorrow, to hear the Rev. Dr. Hepburn, President of Davidson College, in the interests of that institution.

On motion, the Synod ordered Charleston Presbytery to meet in this house at 4 o'clock this afternoon, in order to receive a member from another Presbytery.

The Rev. Dr. Mack presented the following report which was approved :

The Committee appointed to represent Synod before the last Assembly in the case of Rev. J. E. White, would report that the case came before that Court, and the decision of this Synod was sustained by a vote of 71 to 2.

J. B. MACK.
J. B. ADGER.

Rev. Dr. Mack, in behalf of the Committee on Foreign Missions, reported that, inasmuch as Synod has appointed a Conference upon Foreign Missions for to-night, the Committee would simply recommend that the following order of exercises be observed :

1. Introduce Conference with religious exercises.
2. Read the letter from Rev. H. C. DuBose,
3. Rev. Dr. Wilson, Secretary, and others address Synod.
4. A collection for Foreign Missions be taken up.

The report was adopted.

The time and place of the next meeting being called, *Columbia* was unanimously chosen as the place, in view of the semi-Centennial of Dr. Howe's accession to the Theological Seminary, which it is proposed to celebrate on that occasion ; and *Wednesday, November 2nd, 7:30, p. m.*, was selected as the time.

Rev. S. L. Morris presented the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, which, on motion, was docketed.

On motion of Rev. T. C. Ligon, the Rev. W. T. Thompson, Synod of Nashville, was welcomed to a seat as a corresponding member.

The hour for public worship arrived, and Synod took recess until after preaching by the Rev. H. B. Pratt.

Upon resuming business, the order for 11 o'clock was called, and the Rev. Dr. Girardeau read the third and final report from the Special Committee on the Nature and Functions of the Diaconate.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the thanks of Synod were returned to the Committee for its extensive and valuable labors in preparing these reports. It was further

Resolved 1st, That the Editors of the Southern Presbyterian Review be requested to publish this, as the previous reports of the Committee, in that periodical.

2nd. That the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to have these reports as a whole published in book form, if he finds it practicable to do so without expense to the Synod.

The following paper, presented by the Committee as the conclusion of the report, was docketed for consideration at the next meeting of Synod :

We respectfully submit to the Synod for its action, the following resolutions, in which the principal results of the foregoing discussion are summarily embodied :

1. That the deacon belongs to a different order from the elder; from which position it follows: *first*, that the higher office of presbyter does not include the lower office of deacon; *secondly*, that these two offices should be kept distinct; *thirdly*, that whenever, from the lowest to the highest of our courts, the proper duties of the deacon are to be discharged, the deacon, and not the presbyter, should be employed; and this applies to treasurers of ecclesiastical funds, to the Executive Committees of all our Courts, and to any Board which has only diaconal functions to discharge, in which case only deacons should be members; *fourthly*, that when special efforts to raise funds are to be made within congregational bounds, wherever the diaconal function legitimately comes in, the deacon should be employed.

2. That the Session has the power of rule over persons, and over ecclesiastical things, so far as personal rights, duties, and interests are involved; and the Board of Deacons has power over these things, apart from such relations, and under responsibility to the Session. Moreover, that it is legitimate for the deacons to make recommendations to the Session touching diaconal work.

3. That the scope of the deacon's functions includes: *first*, the care of the poor, viz: the poor of the Church, and, as far as the ability of the Church admits, the poor of the world, and strangers; *secondly*, the management of ecclesiastical stipends, goods and property; *thirdly*, collections for congregation purposes, and the temporal support of the benevolent enterprises and the institutions of the Church; and that the Churches under our care are exhorted, as soon as it may be practicable, to conform their practice to this view of the scope of diaconal functions.

4. That the functions of the deacon are not confined to the particular congregation of which he is an officer, but may, at the call of the higher courts, extend to the wider sphere of the Church at large.

5. That so far as the Executive Committees and Boards of Directors of the General Assembly have functions of a presbyterial character to discharge, they should consist of Presbyters; but so far as their work calls for the performance of diaconal functions, a board of deacons, or at least a deacon, should be appointed to act in connection with each of them, to be subject to such responsibilities as the Assembly may determine; that the treasurers of these Committees and Boards of Directors should be deacons; and that this holds, *mutatis mutandis*, in regard to the Executive Committees and Boards of Directors, having diaconal functions to perform, which may be appointed by Synods and Presbyteries.

6. That the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly, having only functions of a diaconal nature to discharge, should be composed only of deacons; and that the same holds of similar Boards appointed by the other courts of the Church.

Elder Eli McFadden, of Midway Church, Harmony Presbytery, was excused for tardiness and enrolled.

Synod then took recess til 7 o'clock this evening.

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Synod re-assembled in the evening and engaged in a Conference upon Foreign Missions, the Rev. Dr. J. B. Mack presiding. After introductory devotional exercises, the letter of Rev. H. C. DuBose, Missionary at Soochow, China, was read, and stirring addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Wilson, Dr. Girardeau and H. B. Pratt. At the close of these addresses the Missionary Hymn was sung and a collection taken up amounting to \$78. The Conference was closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Howe.

Synod then adjourned till to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Junkin.

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SATURDAY, November 20th, 1880, 9:30. a. m.,

The Synod was opened with prayer by Elder A. S. Douglass, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Narrative and Statistical report of Harmony Presbytery were presented. The former was referred, without being read, to the Committee on the Narrative, and the latter ordered to be recorded.

Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson, in behalf of the Committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery, presented a report which was adopted as follows :

The Committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery respectfully report, recommending their approval so far as submitted to us, having found them to be kept in a neat and orderly manner. On page 55, however, we find the fact stated, that the minutes of the adjourned meeting held at Rock Hill were read and approved; but the said minutes are not in the book submitted to your Committee, and therefore, have not been reviewed by us.

Rev. H. B. Pratt, Chairman of the Committee, presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery, would respectfully report :

That we have carefully examined the said Records, and recommend that they be approved with the following exceptions: On page 169, Rev. F. L. Leeper is recorded as a member of Harmony, instead of Bethel Presbytery. We would also call the attention of the Clerk to the fact that on page 172, two brethren appointed to install, are called a "Committee," instead of a "Commission." See Form of Government, Chap. V., Sect. 7.

Rev. W. C. Smith reported for the Committee on the Records of Bethel Presbytery, recommending their approval. The report was adopted.

Elder A. S. Douglass presented the following, in behalf of the Committee, which was adopted :

The committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer of Synod, respectfully report :

That we have examined the account of the funds received and disbursed, together with the vouchers accompanying the report, and find the same correct.

The Committee recommend :

1. That Charleston Presbytery be urged to pay its assessment of \$30.00, reported by the Treasurer as unpaid.

2. That the Treasurer pay the \$11.65 reported to be due the Rev. Dr. Mack on account of expenses in attending the General Assembly.

3. That the balance of \$37.50 overpaid by the Treasurer, be refunded to him.

4. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to print and distribute 1500 copies of the Minutes of the present meeting.

5. That in order to meet the necessary expenses of Synod, the following apportionment be made upon the several Presbyteries, to raise the sum of \$175.00, viz : Bethel, \$40.00; Charleston, \$30.00; Enoree, \$30.00; Harmony, \$40.00; and South Carolina, \$35.00.

Rev. R. H. Nall, in behalf of the Committee, presented a report which was adopted as follows :

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, would beg leave to report, calling the attention of the Synod to the following items :

1. The *Overture* from this Synod, praying the General Assembly that it would "consider and repeal, or at least seriously modify, so much of its deliverance at Louisville, in relation to Worldly Amusements, as declares that all deliverances of the General Assembly, and, by necessary implication of the other Courts of the Church, which are not made by them in a strictly judicial capacity, but are deliverances *in thesi*, can be considered as only didactic, advisory and monitory," called forth an able and exhaustive discussion, which was concluded by the adoption of the following paper : "The Assembly met in Charleston, in virtue of its power to give authoritative interpretations of the Word, declares:

"1. Nothing is law, to be enforced by judicial prosecution, but that which is contained in the Word as interpreted by our Standards

"2. The *judicial* decisions of our Courts differ from *in thesi* deliverances, in that the former *determine*, and when proceeding from our highest Courts, *conclude* a particular case; but both these kinds of decisions are alike interpretations of the Word by a Church Court, and both not only deserve high consideration, but both must be submitted to, unless contrary to the Constitution and the Word; as to which there is a right of private judgment belonging to every Church Court, and also to every individual Church member." (See Printed Minutes of Assembly, page 202.)

2. *Education*. We recommend that the Church heed the exhortation given, and "pray the Lord of the harvest that he would raise up and qualify men for the Gospel Ministry;" and that we urge our people to observe "the usual concert of prayer for young men in institutions of learning on the last Thursday of February" next. (Page 211.)

3. *Sabbath Schools*. That Synod re-affirm the recommendations of the General Assembly on pages 214 and 215.

4. *The Sabbath.* We recommend that the Synod give its hearty and solemn endorsement to the Assembly's resolutions on the proper observance of the Sabbath, and call upon our members to do all in their power, by precept and example, to promote the sanctification of the Lord's day among our people. (Page 216.)

The Rev. Dr. Girardeau proposed, and the Synod adopted, the following Overture to the General Assembly :

The Synod of South Carolina hereby overtures the General Assembly to meet at Staunton in 1881, respectfully asking it to declare, whether the section of the paper adopted by the last General Assembly touching the deliverances of Church Courts, which says, "Nothing is law but that which is contained in the Word of God as interpreted by our Standards," is to be understood as denying that good and necessary consequences from the law are of equal authority with the law.

Rev. J. R. Riley appeared in Synod, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness and was enrolled. It was also reported that Rev. W. T. Thompson had been received into Harmony Presbytery, and Rev. R. A. Mickle into Charleston Presbytery; and they were therefore enrolled as members of this body.

Rev. Dr. Jacobs presented the report of the Judicial Committee, which was adopted as follows :

Your Judicial Committee, to which was referred the Appeal or Complaint of Rev. J. E. White against "the recent action or non-action" of Bethel Presbytery, respectfully report, that having examined said Appeal or Complaint, they are of opinion that it cannot be entertained by this, a lower court, inasmuch as his case has been adjudicated by the highest court, the General Assembly.

On motion of Rev. S. L. Morris, Synod resolved to hear Rev. J. R. Riley, Chairman of the Faculty of Adger College, in the interest of that institution, immediately after the address of Rev. Dr. Hepburn to-day.

The order for 11 o'clock was called, and Rev. Dr. Hepburn was heard at length in regard to Davidson College. And on motion of Rev. Dr. Wilson, a Committee consisting of Rev. H. B. Pratt and W. J. McKay, was appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the statements made.

Rev. J. R. Riley was then heard in reference to Adger College; and on motion of Rev. Dr. Mack, a Committee consisting of Rev. J. G. Law and A. P. Nicholson, was appointed to bring in a minute in regard to this institution.

On motion, the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary was taken from the docket, considered *seriatim*, amended, and adopted as follows :

The Committee on the Columbia Theological Seminary would respectfully submit the following report in regard to that institution :

Since the last meeting of Synod, great changes have taken place in the Seminary, affecting its usefulness and threatening its very existence. Financial and other difficulties rendered the temporary suspension of its exercises a necessary evil in the opinion of the Board of Directors, and it was formally, though reluctantly, closed by the Board in May last. The venerable Dr. W. S. Plumer was made Professor Emeritus for life, and, in view of his past labors and faithfulness, was given a salary of \$1,000 per annum; but we are deeply pained to announce that he has been removed from earth, being, as we humbly trust, translated to his home in glory and everlasting reward by the great Head of the Church. Dr. J. L. Girardeau tendered his resignation as Professor of Theology, which was accepted by the Board of Directors; but at the urgent solicitation of the Alumni Association, the General Assembly, and the Board of Directors, he has consented to resume his professorship, much to the joy of the whole Church. We cannot but believe and sincerely pray that the evils which have overtaken our beloved Seminary, will be overruled to the glory of Him whose province it is to bring good out of evil, and to the future enlarged prosperity and usefulness of this institution, so dear to the heart of the Synod of South Carolina and our beloved Zion.

After serious consideration of the interests of the Seminary, your Committee would recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of Synod :

1. That the Synod has learned with unfeigned joy and devout thankfulness to a gracious God, of the indications of returning prosperity to the Seminary, evinced by the action of the Synod of Georgia in their effort to raise \$15,000 for completing the endowment of their Chair of Ecclesiastical Polity; also of the "liberal things devised" by the various Presbyteries of this Synod in regard to the "Howe Memorial Fund;" and therefore, of the speedy reopening of the Seminary.

2. Inasmuch as the Alumni Association at their meeting in Charleston agreed to make an effort to raise \$30,000 to be called the "Howe Memorial Fund," for the re-endowment of the Chair of Biblical Literature, this Synod will endeavor to raise \$20,000 of this amount in its bounds.

3. Whereas the General Assembly at Charleston expressed its judgment that the way is now open for the restoration of the Seminary to the care of the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, provided they signify a desire for such restoration, therefore, all things considered, this Synod does now express that desire for the restoration, the Synods of Georgia and Alabama concurring.

4. That this Synod does not by this action, wish to be understood as in the least degree expressing any dissatisfaction with the past management of this institution by the General Assembly.

5. That a Commission be appointed consisting of two ministers and an elder from each Presbytery of Synod, to represent this Synod during the interval between its meetings, and act with the other Synods in the matter of this transfer. To compose this Commission, we would recommend the following persons :

Rethel Presbytery—Rev. J. L. Wilson, Rev. F. L. Leeper, and Elder W. Banks Thompson.

Charleston Presbytery—Rev. J. L. Girardeau, Rev. J. B. Mack, and Elder W. A. Clark.

Enoree Presbytery—Rev. T. H. Law, Rev. W. P. Jacobs, and Elder T. J. Moore.

Harmony Presbytery—Rev. J. S. Cozby, Rev. J. G. Law, and Elder W. L. T. Prince.

South Carolina Presbytery—Rev. J. L. Martin, (to be Chairman of the Commission); Rev. R. A. Fair, and Elder S. P. Dendy.

6. That this Synod concurs with the Synod of Georgia in the conviction of the necessity of securing the services of Rev. Dr. J. B. Mack to take part with Rev. Dr. Girardeau in raising the endowment of the Seminary, and would recommend that the Board of Directors take action in this matter.

7. That the members of Synod will constantly and earnestly supplicate a throne of grace in behalf of this institution, that He to whom "all power in heaven and earth is given," will abundantly bless and nourish it, making it in His hands a "power on earth;" greatly enlarging its usefulness, extending its influence, and causing it to become "a river the streams whereof shall make glad the City of our God."

Applications from sundry brethren for leave of absence were all referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

Rev. N. W. Edmunds presented the final report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, announcing that the Rev. Dr. Hepburn will preach in this house to-night, and making the following

Appointments for the Sabbath.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. Dr. Girardeau preach at 11, a. m., (by request of the Moderator); Rev. Dr. Howe introduce Communion and distribute the bread; Rev. Dr. Jacobs distribute the wine and conclude; Rev. T. P. Hay address Sabbath School at 3:30. p. m.; Rev. J. L. Martin, Moderator, preach at 7, p. m.

Methodist Church—Rev. F. L. Leeper preach at 11, a. m.; Rev. Roderick Henderson at 7, p. m.

Baptist Church—Rev. R. H. Nall preach at 11, a. m.

Synod then took recess till 4:30 o'clock, p. m.

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Upon the resumption of business in the afternoon, the Committee on the Records of South Carolina Presbytery reported, recommending their approval. The report was adopted.

Rev. E. P. Davis presented and the Synod adopted the following

Narrative.

It is impossible, from the brief narratives of the Presbyteries, to present a comprehensive view of all the phases of religious life within our bounds. But there are two classes of facts to be noted, collected chiefly from the Presbyteries' narratives; one of which demands humiliation, confession, and reform; while the other inspires gratitude and encouragement.

Among the first may be recorded the lamentable neglect of family religion; the want of ardent zeal, great consecration and deep spirituality; the lack of properly administered discipline; the prevalence of pernicious sentiments relative to worldly conformity; the actual participation of professed

Christians in sinful amusements; the failure of the Church to develop and utilize all her latent energies; the constant desecration of the Sabbath; the neglect of Sessions to exercise their episcopal authority in relation to Sabbath schools; the large number of missionary fields unoccupied; the scarcity of candidates for the ministry; the want of due interest in the colportage work and some of the benevolent schemes of the Church; the prevalence of intemperance, worldliness and apathy, and the absence of the special visitations of the Divine Spirit.

Among the second class may be mentioned the zeal and faithfulness of ministers in the discharge of their duties; the almost universal administration of divine ordinances in organized churches; the good attendance upon the means of grace; the interest exhibited in Sabbath-school work; the increase of membership; the number of flourishing missionary societies; the attention paid to infant baptism; the interest manifested in the evangelization of the colored people; the revival of saints; the promising character of evangelistic work, especially in one Presbytery; the expressed conviction that many congregations are growing in grace; the increased interest in the erection and repairing of church buildings; the increased number of pastoral relations; and the marked progress in christian liberality, especially in the direction of our beloved Theological Seminary.

In conclusion, we would respectfully suggest to the Presbyteries to make the subjects proposed by the General Assembly of 1877 the basis of their Narratives.

The Rev. Dr. Frierson, in behalf of the Special Committee to whom was referred the letter of the Secretary of Education, presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee find two matters presented to the attention of Synod: *first*, the one urging a more liberal contribution to this cause, so as to enable the Committee to distribute a larger pro rata to our Candidates; and *second*, the matter of the decrease in the number of our Candidates.

Your Committee recommend

1. That the chairmen of Presbyterial Executive Committees on Education be urged to use their diligence and efforts to secure larger contributions to this cause.

2. That this Synod request the Secretary of Education to address a letter to the young men of the Presbyterian Church, and call their attention to the claims of the Church of their fathers upon their service, especially inviting their attention to a consideration of the subject of a call to the Gospel Ministry.

Rev. Dr. Mack presented the following report which was approved:

The Committee appointed by the Synod at Rock Hill, "to confer with other religious bodies in the State as to the expediency of petitioning the Legislature to pass an act prohibiting the running of freight trains on the Sabbath day," report :

That they at once gave their prayerful attention to this important matter. Having found that the Legislature was in session, they drew up a memorial to that body, obtaining also the signatures of representatives of the Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal and Lutheran Churches. The result was that the Legislature passed the following Act, which was approved by the Governor and became the Law of this State on December 23, 1879 :

"An Act to Prohibit the Running of Freight Trains and to Regulate the Running of Passenger and Mail Trains on Sunday.

Section I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same; That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any railroad Corporation to load or run any train on any of the railroads of this State on Sunday, except such trains as carry the United States mail.

"Section II. That for each violation of the provisions of this Act, the Company so offending shall forfeit to the State not less than five hundred dollars, to be collected in any Court of Competent Jurisdiction."

Deeply grateful to God for His abundant blessing upon our effort, which blessing was more than we expected or asked for, we would conclude our report by recommending that this Synod, during its devotional exercises, engage in prayer, thanking the Lord for His favor shown to us in this matter.

J. B. MACK.
J. L. GIRARDEAU.
W. A. CLARK.

Rev. H. B. Pratt presented the following report which was adopted :

The Committee appointed to bring in a minute with regard to higher Education as presented by Rev. Dr. Hepburn, President of Davidson College, would respectfully report the following :

That this Synod has heard with profound gratification the address of Dr. Hepburn; but inasmuch as all the Presbyteries of this Synod are represented in the Board of Trustees of that institution, we feel that no further endorsement is called for, except to commend that College to the warmest regard, and to the cordial patronage and support of our Christian people, and of the public in general.

Rev. J. G. Law reported the following which was adopted :

The Committee appointed to report on the address of Rev. J. R. Riley in behalf of Adger College, beg leave to submit the following minute :

The Synod has heard with very great pleasure of the encouraging condition of this young and growing institution, and cordially commends it to the warm regards and patronage of the people of the State.

In the absence of any report from the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary in regard to the contributions of our Churches to its support the present year, on motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

That the attention of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary be called to the request of the Synod at Spartanburg, 1878, (page 20, printed minutes,) to furnish each year to the Synod the amounts received from the respective Presbyteries in response to the Synodical assessment for that institution.

2. That the agents appointed by the Synod at Rock Hill to attend to collecting the amounts in their respective Presbyteries, be called upon to report the amount paid by each Presbytery.

The Moderator, under this second resolution, called upon the several agents present, who reported according to the information which they had.

Rev. F. L. Leeper, of the Committee appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the cause of Publication, as presented in the address of the Rev. Dr. Hazen, Secretary, reported the following which was adopted :

Synod has heard with pleasure of the encouraging condition of the work of Publication; and be it resolved

1. That this cause ought to receive the more earnest support of our churches.

2. That our Presbyteries be exhorted to take such action as to secure more liberal contributions from all our churches than have heretofore been given to this cause.

On motion of Rev. H. B. Pratt, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions was instructed to convey the fraternal salutations of this Synod to the Rev. H. C. DuBose, our Missionary in China, and express its gratification in hearing from him.

And on motion of Rev. Dr. Girardeau, it was also

Resolved, That the Synod has heard with pleasure the address of the venerable Secretary of Foreign Missions on that subject, and would afresh commend this great cause to the attention and prayers of the churches under its care.

Rev. N. W. Edmunds, of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, stated that no matter had come into their hands, and the Committee was therefore discharged.

Rev. J. G. Law presented the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, which was approved and is as follows :

The Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully report :

1. That the following ministers have been excused for non-attendance upon the present session:—J. B. Adger, R. D. Perry, C. S. Vedder, J. G. Richards, and H. Strong.

2. That leave of absence has been granted to the following members after the third day:—Ministers, A. M. Hassell, H. C. Fennel, R. F. Taylor, T. R. English, H. M. Brearley, R. A. Mickle, W. F. Junkin, L. R. McCormick, G. A. Trenholm, W. A. Gregg, J. E. Dunlop, J. Y. Fair; Elders, W. Leaman, J. H. Evins, D. D. Moore, W. B. Thompson, T. L. Johnson, R. L. Miller, Wm. McKenzie, S. P. Oliver, J. A. Enslow, Eli Manning, J. A. Cairnes, and W. D. Evins.—And after the morning session of the fourth day:—Ministers, W. J. McKay, J. H. Saye, W. W. Mills, J. R. Dow, J. S. Cozby, E. G. Smith, J. Lowrie Wilson; Elders, W. E. Mills, J. A. Salter, and H. Frierson.

On motion of Rev. T. P. Hay, the presentation of the minutes in regard to deceased ministers, was made the order for this evening at the close of divine service.

On motion of Rev. F. L. Leeper, the Stated Clerk was instructed to prepare a set of Standing Rules for the Synod, to be reported at the next meeting.

On motion, Synod then took recess until after public worship this evening.

The Synod resumed business after preaching by Rev. Dr. Hepburn.

The several Committees appointed to prepare Memorials of the members of Synod who have died since the last meeting, reported the following, which were read in the presence of a large congregation, and adopted, each one, by a rising vote :

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of bringing in a minute expressive of the feelings of Synod at the removal by death from our midst of our beloved and venerable brother and co-presbyter, Rev. Donald McQueen, D. D., beg leave to present for adoption the substance of a memorial adopted by Harmony Presbytery, as a more complete and worthy tribute than any that the time and materials at their command would enable them to produce :

DONALD MCQUEEN was born in Chesterfield District, S. C., June 21, 1810. He was of Scotch descent, his father having migrated from the Isle of Skye and settled in that District, where he married into one of its most respectable families, and acquired high distinction as a practising physician. In youth, Brother McQueen enjoyed the usual advantages of education afforded to young men in his position, and was graduated from the South Carolina College in 1832. He then taught for a time, conducting jointly with Dr. J. H. Thornwell, the Cheraw Academy. He subsequently entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia, from which he was graduated in 1836. In the fall of that year he was invited to supply the Sumterville church, and in the following spring was installed pastor of this and Concord church, jointly. This pastorate continued until 1853, when he was called to take charge of the Sumterville church alone. This caused his removal to the town of Sumter, where he resided till his death, on the 22nd of January last. In this joint and sole pastoral charge, he spent the whole forty-three years of his ministry, discharging with great acceptance and fidelity its many duties and responsibilities.

As a pastor, Dr. McQueen was much beloved and respected by his people. He possessed all the qualities necessary to produce this result. He was faithful and untiring in his labors and efforts. Blest with a vigorous constitution and a robust frame, he was able to do a large amount of work without physical fatigue. He labored in season and out of season. Having a large colored membership in his church, he devoted special services to their instruction, preaching to them on Sabbath afternoons, so that for several years he preached three times each Lord's day.

As a preacher he was plain and practical. Being not much inclined to controversial topics, he only sought to present the simple teachings of the Word for the edification of believers and the conversion of sinners.

Many accessions were made to the church from the two generations that came upon the stage during his ministry, and now only two or three of these who joined the church at the beginning of his ministry are left to mourn his death.

By his wise and prudent counsels, private quarrels were settled and family disagreements harmonized, and general peace and good feeling prevailed in the church. He was blessed in his work by the Head of the Church, and we doubt not will have many stars in his crown of rejoicing.

As a fellow presbyter, he was well known to most of this Synod. Genial in disposition, cheerful in temper, jocund in spirit, he was a general favorite with his brethren. His ready smile, always infectious of mirth, was warmly greeted by them. He was ready for every good word and work, conservative in counsel and prompt in action. He enjoyed largely the confidence of his brethren, frequently representing them in the highest court of the Church, and having a seat on their benevolent boards and as a director of the Seminary. For several years, till compelled to resign by ill health, as Chairman of the Executive Committee of Presbytery, he labored zealously and faithfully in performing this perhaps most successful work of his life. He was seldom absent from the sessions of Presbytery and Synod, and was especially useful and efficient as a member of the same.

As a citizen, Dr. McQueen was much respected and highly esteemed for his purity of character and eminent usefulness in the community. He was a ready helper of all who sought him, cheerfully responding to the call of sympathy from the distressed. He was ardent in his patriotism, feeling the troubles of his people in the days of their distress; and like many others, he laid a chosen offering on the altar of his country. All classes of people were his friends, and his death was mourned by the whole community.

We cannot close this brief memorial better than by transcribing the following memoranda found in his bible after his death, and written no doubt under the conviction of his speedy departure :

"Graduated at the South Carolina College in the Class of 1832.

"Graduated at the Theological Seminary, Columbia, in 1836.

"Licensed by the Presbytery of Harmony in the year 1837.

"Called to the Churches of Concord and Sumterville, ordained and installed pastor of the same, afterward of the Sumterville Church alone.

"Resigned pastoral charge on account of ill health at the Presbytery of Harmony, met at Midway Church, October 11, 1879.

"And now awaits the call of the Master to His Heavenly Home."

The Committee appointed to bring in a minute touching the death of the Rev. THOMAS HOOD CUNNINGHAM, respectfully submit the following:

Our beloved brother expired in Charleston, S. C., on his thirty-third birthday, March 9th, and his mortal remains were interred in Magnolia Cemetery on the first anniversary of his marriage, March 12th, 1880; a young widow and an infant son, baptized by his name on the day of his burial, being left to the mercies of a covenant-keeping God.

Our brother was born in Anderson County, S. C., in the bounds of the congregation of Roberts Church, then under the pastoral charge of his uncle, the venerable David Humphreys, so well and favorably known in the churches of upper South Carolina. He made a profession of his faith in Christ in connection with that church in 1866. Having pursued his academic studies at Franklin University, Georgia, he was graduated in August, 1871: with the reputation of having been "the most popular man in college." One who knew him intimately as a youth, describes him as "ever faithful, just and true; as gentle as a woman, but brave as an eagle; sympathetic and amiable, with a strong perception of right, and a stranger to selfishness and conceit."

He passed through his preparatory course for the ministry of the Gospel at the Theological Seminary in Columbia, S. C., at which institute he was graduated in May, 1874; having won the commendation of his instructors for his proficiency in sacred scholarship, and his unexceptionable deportment as a Christian gentleman.

In 1874, he accepted an invitation from the session of Zion Church, Glebe Street, Charleston, to take charge of a Missionary congregation, which, having been gathered by the voluntary labors of a band of zealous young men, three of whom have since become Presbyterian preachers, it was endeavoring to nurse into organic existence. He preached his first sermon to this congregation, June 13th, 1873. He was, by the Charleston Presbytery, ordained December 10, 1876, and at the same time was installed pastor of Ebenezer Church, which, under his labors, had been formed out of the missionary material under his care.

This was a trying field, but in the face of great difficulties, he preached and toiled in the pastoral work until 1879, when it pleased God in His sovereignty to arrest his labors in the Church on earth. At that time he preached his last sermon, the subject being, The necessity of the New Birth, from Galatians, 6:15. In the delivery of that discourse his voice failed him, and a bronchial affection soon deepened more and more into pulmonary consumption. On the evening of March 9th, while he was fondling his babe, he was seized with his first hemorrhage, which prevented inhalation; and sinking down, he expired without a word or a struggle. In two minutes his spirit had passed from the affectionate intercourse of his family to the realities of the eternal world. How swift a transition! "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

It was affecting to witness the demonstrations of grief, and to hear the lamentations made over his remains as they lay awaiting burial, by the people of his charge, both old and young. They seemed to love him tenderly, and wept freely over the eyes which would never again gaze upon them, and the lips which would never again speak to them on earth. One, an affectionate mother, as she bent over his face, told, amidst the paroxysms of her emotions, how he had continually gone to see her poor prodigal boy in his last illness, and had been, as she hoped, the means of his salvation.

The funeral services were held in the Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, as being conveniently situated for attendance upon them. A large congregation besides Mr. Cunningham's people were present. Dr. Brackett opened the services by reading selections from the Scriptures; Dr. Junkin offered prayer; Dr. Vedder announced the hymn beginning:

"Unveil thy bosom, faithful tomb,"

and Dr. Girardeau made some remarks appropriate to the mournful occasion. The congregation exhibited great feeling, which at times burst into uncontrollable expression. The clouds which had been lowering for days broke away, the day became charming, the air bland as a zephyr; and in a spot near the sleeping place of the Confederate dead, under the vernal foliage of trees, the body, amidst "the tuneful chant of birds," was, by loving hands, gently committed to the earth.

Our departed brother was, to a remarkable extent, free from positive blemishes of character. Those who were accustomed to hear him pray will remember the humility with which he would make confessions of sin and implore forgiveness through the blood of atonement; but the grace which he importunately supplicated seemed to have been richly granted him, and to have polished him as a gem which was soon to be added to the jewels collected in heaven.

Nor were his virtues merely negative. Though singularly exempt from acerbity of temper, he was firm and steadfast in the maintenance of his convictions. Gentle and affectionate in disposition, social and genial in his manners, generous and self-sacrificing in spirit, his presence was a charm in the circles in which he moved; and now that he is gone, the remembrance of his Christ-like example furnishes an incitement to the imitation of graces which his life proved it possible for imperfect men to attain on earth.

In all efforts to promote evangelical religion in the community in which he lived, and to advance the cause of Christ throughout the earth, he was ever ready to take an active part. In praying with his brethren for the realization of these ends, he was unwearied. They mourn the loss of a

faithful fellow-soldier, who has in the heat of action been stricken down in the ranks by their side; and cannot but be moved by his early death, to work with earnestness while the day of labor lasts, seeing the night may soon come in which no man can work.

As a preacher, our brother was solid, instructive and fervent. Those who were present will recall the able and earnest sermon, which, two-and-a-half years ago, he preached at a meeting of his Presbytery on Edisto Island, on the subject of "Domestic Missions."

How tender, sympathising and faithful he was in his pastoral attentions to the poor and humble members of his flock, is best known to them and the brethren who assisted him in his self-denying work. In a minute adopted by them, the Session of his church thus speaks of him :

"We desire to place on record our heartfelt testimony to the fidelity with which he discharged every ministerial and pastoral duty. We shall 'remember without ceasing, his work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope.' We are witnesses how holily, justly and unblameably he behaved himself among us; and those that are without are witnesses that he was blameless and of good report. He cheerfully accepted his appointed work with all its peculiar difficulties and self denial; and no one could have consecrated to it more completely and fully all his powers, than this devoted servant of Christ, laboring night and day, in season and out of season, in health and in bodily weakness. He was 'an example in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.' Other stars there may be of larger magnitude, moving in a wider orbit of usefulness; but few ever shone with a brighter and fuller light, reflecting the image and example of Jesus, in purity of character and of self-sacrificing labor for the good of others."

We who survive our beloved fellow-presbyter for a little while, cannot forbear exclaiming over his early grave, "Alas, brother!" and lamenting what, in our earthly dialect, we call his premature departure; but

"Death cannot come
To him untimely, who is fit to die;
The less of this cold world, the more of heaven;
The briefer life, the earlier immortality."

The Committee appointed to prepare a memorial of the late Rev. W. H. Adams beg leave to present the following:

WILLIAM HOOPER ADAMS was a son of the late Dr. Nehemiah Adams, of Boston, Massachusetts. He was born in Boston, January 8th, 1838, and was a graduate of the Boston Latin School, and of Harvard University. He entered the Theological Seminary at Andover in 1860, but completed his Theological course in the Seminary at Columbia, S. C. Upon leaving that institution he accepted a call from the Presbyterian Church at Eufaula, Alabama, where he remained until 1867. In that year he accepted an invitation from the Circular Church (Congregational) of Charleston, still retaining his membership and active interest and labors with the Charleston Presbytery. After a pastorate of eleven years, he resigned that position in 1878, and returned to Boston, to nurse his aged father during a protracted illness. After his father's death he remained in New England, editing his father's works, and preparing a biographical sketch of him for publication. During this period he preached regularly, and supplied for a time the pulpit of the Hancock Church of Lexington, Mass. In March, 1880, he returned to South Carolina and settled on Sullivan's Island, in order that he might secure leisure and quiet for the literary work in which he was engaged. He also accepted an invitation to supply the pulpit of the Sullivan's Island Central Church during the summer, and expected to begin his labors in that field on the 1st of June following. He was not in good health when he left the North, and his disease increased after his arrival. Notwithstanding his physical condition, he attended the spring meeting of Charleston Presbytery at Columbia in April, and greatly enjoyed the opportunity of again

meeting with his co-presbyters. He looked forward with longing anticipations to the approaching meeting of the General Assembly in the city of Charleston. Early in May his disease assumed a more serious aspect, and on Friday night, the 14th, he was called, as we humbly believe, to join "the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn in Heaven."

His hopeful disposition led him, during his last illness, to think that he might again recover his health and resume his active labors. But he fully realized that his condition was extremely critical, and he kept his "lamp trimmed and burning." The night before his death, he called his wife to his bedside and said, "Let us now have our evening prayer." With folded hands and feeble, yet clear, voice, he offered his last family prayer. He prayed, with humble resignation, that he might live to preach once more the everlasting Gospel. He then sang one of his favorite hymns, commencing:

"My God, the spring of all my joys."

In the last watch of the night, the Master came to call His servant home. He was sleeping heavily when his attendant attempted to arouse him, to administer his medicine. Finding that he could not swallow the medicine, his loving wife begged him to speak some words to her. His response, accompanied with a look of wonder and delight, was in the words, "Grace, grace, grace! From grace to glory in the great congregation!" With these grand words upon his lips, his spirit took its flight to join the great congregation above.

His remains were carried to Charleston and deposited in the Second Presbyterian Church, where, on Monday afternoon, solemn funeral services were held. A large number of the residents of that city, white and colored, including the pastors of the churches of different denominations, assembled to do reverence to his memory. His corpse was carried into the church by eight ministers; and at the close of the services, was carried out of the building by eight other ministers from different denominations, including in their number the Rabbi of the Jewish Synagogue, and the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Two days thereafter the General Assembly convened in the same building.

Brother Adams was an earnest preacher of the Gospel, an active presbyter, a faithful pastor, a true and steady friend, a polished scholar, and a refined and elegant gentleman. It was his constant endeavor to advance the cause of his Redeemer in the city where he lived, and was ever foremost in all good works. His loss has been greatly felt by his brethren in the ministry, and many true friends within the bounds of this Synod. He leaves a dependent family to mourn his early death, for whom the prayers of the members of this Synod are earnestly desired.

With deep sorrow of heart this Synod records the death of REV. WILLIAM SWAN PLUMER, D. D., LL. D., who, for the last fourteen years, has been an honored member of this body.

His earliest visit to us, as some of the oldest members will recollect, was at the meeting of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, in Columbia, between forty and fifty years ago, when he was the means of organizing the "Southern Committee of Foreign Missions," embracing the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, and that of East Tennessee, co-ordinate with the "Central Committee of Foreign Missions," embracing the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, and both Committees auxiliary to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. It is remembered by those attending it as one of the most inspiring meetings we have ever had; and under the direction of that Board, and by the support of this Committee, our earliest missionaries to foreign lands, George W. Boggs, J. Leighton Wilson, D.D., Jas. L. Merrick, John B. Adger, D. D., J. F. Lanneau, and others, went forth to India, Africa, Persia, Smyrna and Jerusalem. This is one instance of the activity, energy and enterprise of our departed brother.

This Synod had embarked in the Missionary work among the Indians in the Territory of Mississippi before this, under the lead of Drs. Barr, Henry, and others. But the most earnest period of our Foreign Missionary work was thus inaugurated.

Of his labors as an Evangelist in Virginia and North Carolina, of his pastorship in Charlotte, Va., and at Petersburg and Richmond in the same State, and at Baltimore, Maryland, covering twenty-eight years of his ministerial life; of the eight years of his Professorial labors in the Western Theological Seminary at Alleghany; and of the five years which followed, two of which were spent in the pastoral office at Pottsville, Pa.; others have spoken. From 1867 to 1875, he filled the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology in our own Theological Seminary, formerly occupied by the lamented Thornwell; and since then, faithfully and efficiently, the chair of Pastoral, Casuistic and Historical Theology, until his active connection with the Seminary ceased, a short time before his lamented death.

Of his commanding person, of his power as a preacher, and his effectiveness as a popular speaker on occasions when the interests of the church and the best good of society demanded it, *all* here present, and multitudes elsewhere, not only in this Synod, but far more widely through the land, could bear witness.

He knew how to comfort the afflicted, to cheer the desponding, and to guide the inquiring sinner to the only source of peace.

Little did we think when he left us, that the Master would so soon call him away from his earthly toils and conflicts to his eternal reward. His life was a long one. He was born in 1802, on the 25th of July, at Darlington, Pa., was graduated at Washington College, Va., in 1823, pursued his Theological studies afterwards at Princeton Seminary, was licensed at Monmouth, N. J., to preach the Gospel, which he continued to do faithfully for fifty-four years, (more than half a century,) till he died, deeply lamented, on the 22nd of October, 1880.

"Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?" We who survive, should hasten to the faithful discharge of our duty, for the "night cometh in which no man can work."

On motion of Rev. T. H. Law, it was

Resolved 1, That the sincere and hearty thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the citizens of Sumter, for the very kind and generous hospitality exhibited to its members during its sessions here; and the pastor of this church is requested to communicate the same in the way he may deem best.

2. That the Stated Clerk of the Synod be directed to return its thanks to the authorities of the various railroads on which reduced rates have been allowed the members in attending this meeting.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved. And on motion, Synod then adjourned with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction, to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, Wednesday, November 2, 1881, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

JAMES L. MARTIN, ,

THOMAS H. LAW.

Moderator.

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